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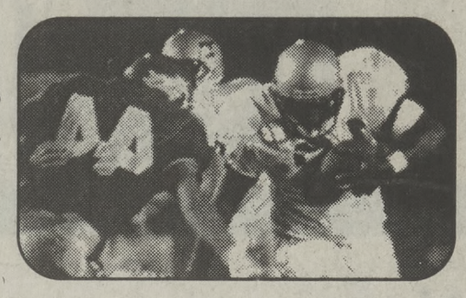

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Proposal made to put sheriff in charge

BY CATHY KOEBEL
STAR REPORTER

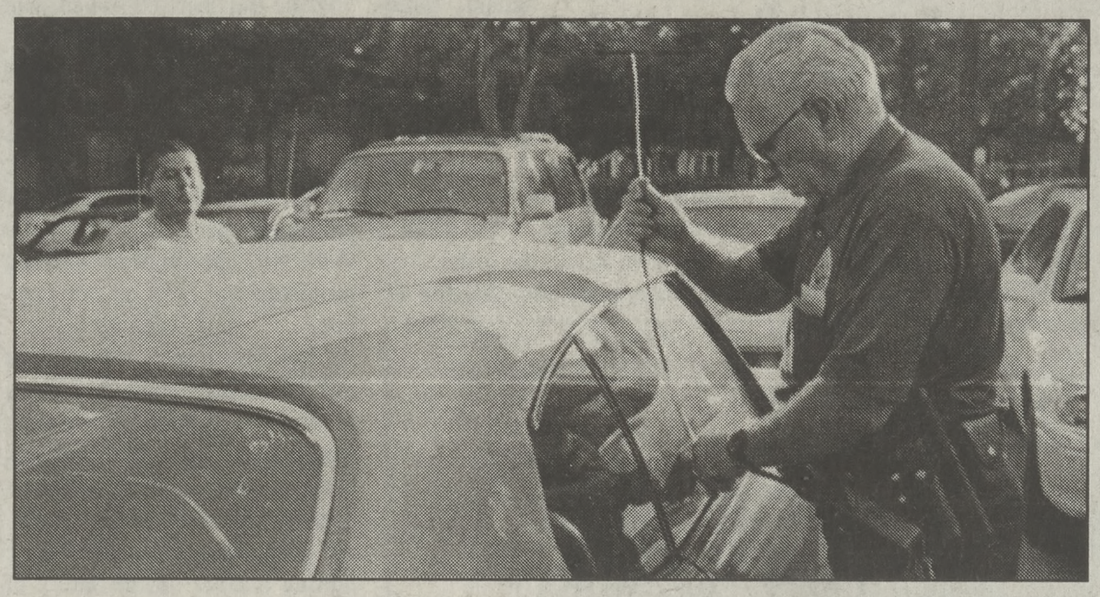
Valley College's police may become part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department under a plan being considered by Los Angeles Community College District that could save them millions of dollars.

"It wouldn't save us any money," said Mary Ann Breckell, vice president of administration at Valley College. "The cost to us would be the same. And we wouldn't get the same kind of service."

Breckell is adamantly opposed to the sheriff's department taking over the policing at Valley College. She suggested that each college campus could decide how they wanted their policing handled. By this she meant it would allow a campus to contract with sheriff's department if they felt it would benefit them.

Tyree Wieder, president of Valley College, said she believed the decision of the community college district's Board of Trustees will hinge upon the cost to be charged by the county to the district.

Michael Habicht, Valley College's police captain, said that the takeover would also effect the atmosphere on campus.



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Campus Officer Gail Tam assists student Mario Gonzalez who locked his keys in his car.

He further commented that the sheriff's department functions under a different philosophy than the Los Angeles Community Police Departments; their policing methods are not the same and they do not have the experience of working for an educational institution.

"We are not like a big city metropolitan police department," Habicht said. "It's more like Mayberry PD here."

He said the campus police provide additional services such as escorting students to their cars after hours, handling vehicle lockouts and battery jumps and that they support education and assist the campus community by providing a safer environment for learning.

"We have an open door policy," Habicht said. "Anybody can come in and speak with any police officer. I mean its more of a personal service. We are here to serve the students, the staff, the faculty, and the community."

Al Reddick, president of the Police Officers Association for the Los Angeles Community College District made the recommendation after the district and union representatives reached an impasse during meetings to renegotiate their current contact.

He proposed that the district look into the possibility that the policing of the campuses be taken over by the Sheriff's Department on a direct contract basis.

"The fact that we have no centralized police organization and that each college is run by a police captain at the college who answers to the vice president creates a very difficult situation," Reddick said.

"This makes it necessary for us to try and move to a professional law enforcement agency because we don't get treated professionally here."

He further added that some officers looked forward to being under a real police force while others were not happy about it.

On May 10th the Academic Senate at Valley College voted unanimously to keep the police department as it is.

Dr. Richard Moyer, community college district's chief negotiator said this would be good for the officers and the district since the officers would have better salaries and benefit package and the district would save money.

"The police would not agree to certain changes we would like to have made to the present contract," said Moyer.

"This is why exploring the sheriff's affiliation was a good strategy," he said. "It could save the district approximately $5 million dollars out of an $11 million dollar district budget."

Finally Moyer added that the final decision will rest with the Los Angeles Community College's Board of Trustees regarding the decision to go with the sheriff's department or not.

Valley will finally cool down

By KIM TUCHMAN
STAR REPORTER

The first two out of three phases of Valley's new air conditioning system is on schedule and should be finished by December.

Requests for the new air conditioning begun many years ago. The instructors were asked by administrators to document the temperature inside the classrooms and whenever they had to let the students go home early because of the heat.

"We wouldn't have the air conditioning unless the new administration pushed for it," said Mary Ann Breckell, vice president of administrative services.

The installation of the units began on campus in May. The cost of the refrigeration alone is approximately $2.8 million. The entire cost of the complete system is still unknown at this time according to Facilities Manager, David Ogne, former buildings and grounds administrator.

According to Breckell, all three phases are funded through the capital construction fund. Phases one and two when finished will cool the motion picture, theater arts, chemistry, plant, business and journalism, art, physics, engineering, math, earth science, and home economics buildings.

Phase three when completed will cool the foreign language, humanities, behavioral science buildings, as well as the cafeteria and the men's and women's gyms.

All other buildings are currently air conditioned and will eventually need upgrading at a later date according to Breckell.

"This is going to be a first-class system when it's done." Said Ogne, "It's a shame we can't do all three phases at one time."

When asked as to whether having the air conditioners was worth all the noise of construction, sophomore student, Arture Bertikyan, said, "Yes, because that way we can concentrate more on our work than cooling ourselves off."

Student Joann Krystal-Vreeland claims, "It was horrendous attending classes without air conditioners."

"We are very proud of the aesthetic look our campus has, so once the chillers are up, eight-foot walls will be built around them along with planters, to keep our campus looking as good as it does as well as keep it cool." A smiling Breckell said. "It's going to be a cool summer next year."

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Gilbert Garcia levels cement in preparation for the new air-conditioning unit behind the Art Building.

ASU vetoes prior appointments

By MARTHA PRIMERA
STAR REPORTER

Associated Student Union President Leslie Channon decided on Tuesday to veto the appointments of student commissioners made after an executive board vote on Aug.31.

The board had appointed Ani Pilosyan as Commissioner of Ethnic and Cultural Affairs,Mary Aramian as Commissioner of Fine Arts and Nark Poison as Commissioner of Athletics.

The decision to veto came after the ASU was advised that the appointments violated the Brown Act because they were voted on in a closed forum..

The Inter-club Council at Valley College, who have been very vocal in letting the ASU know their concerns, came forward and stated that they felt the appointments were unfair.

."I was appalled by the decision and the voting" said Dance Club spokesperson Wilma T. Monroe. She later added "The position is not just something to go on your resume".

Club Latinos Unified for Education president John Pena said, "We feel the election was unjust. We expect maturity and as a Latino I was offended when they suggested that Armenians and Latinos are the same"

Many ICC representatives were upset because they felt that more qualified candidates were passed up for the positions.

They had intended to ask for a recall of the vote, but that was not necessary because the veto went into effect immediately.

A new vote is scheduled to be taken on Tuesday September 21. It will be and open forum meeting in strict accordance with the Brown Act.

After the candidates present themselves and are interviewed by the ASU, new commissioners will be appointed.

Crime watch

1) Aug 30
Purse taken from vehicle in Lot H

2) Aug 30
Petty theft at the north gym

#80 from any campus payphone is a direct line to the campus police

Editorial...

Don't shoot the sheriff, just let us keep our Mayberry police

The Los Angeles Community College District plan to have the policing of its nine campuses absorbed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department may save money, and for some of the other colleges it may provide better service, but Valley loves the hometown style of its campus police and we do not want to see it change.

The familiar men and women who make up our campus security are part of the charm of our college.

They have a Norman Rockwell quality of the friendly cop on the beat and they supply services that go well beyond the call of duty.

They are our own Mayberry RFD peace-keepers and this proposed change is not to our liking.

Today Valley college has one captain, one lieutenant, 11 police officers, two police dispatchers and several student vol unteers.

They have many years of experience, know the campus extremely well, and are recognized by, and have the confidence of the majority of students who see them as friendly guardians who are there to serve and protect in a way not found by a regular police force.

They have a Norman Rockwell quality of the friendly cop on the beat and they supply services that go well beyond the call of duty.

They patrol 24 hours a day, handling all emergencies and offer extra services such as on campus escorts and the opening and locking classrooms and offices.

Under the Sheriff plan, the district would have one lieutenant, three regional sergeants, and a lead officer on every campus and may not be able to patrol the campus during the night when the school is most vulnerable.

Why then would the district try to change something that for all intents and purposes works so well?

The district may well save money with regards to some of it's other compuses but our cost would be the same and the services provided would fall well below the present standard.

Another issue is that the safety of Valley student's would be at stake.

While the sheriff's department are trained in security procedures, they would not be around on campus long enough to integrate themselves into the campus community.

By virtue of their aggressive philosophy they are not tuned in to the very special peace keeping problems that exist on our campus.

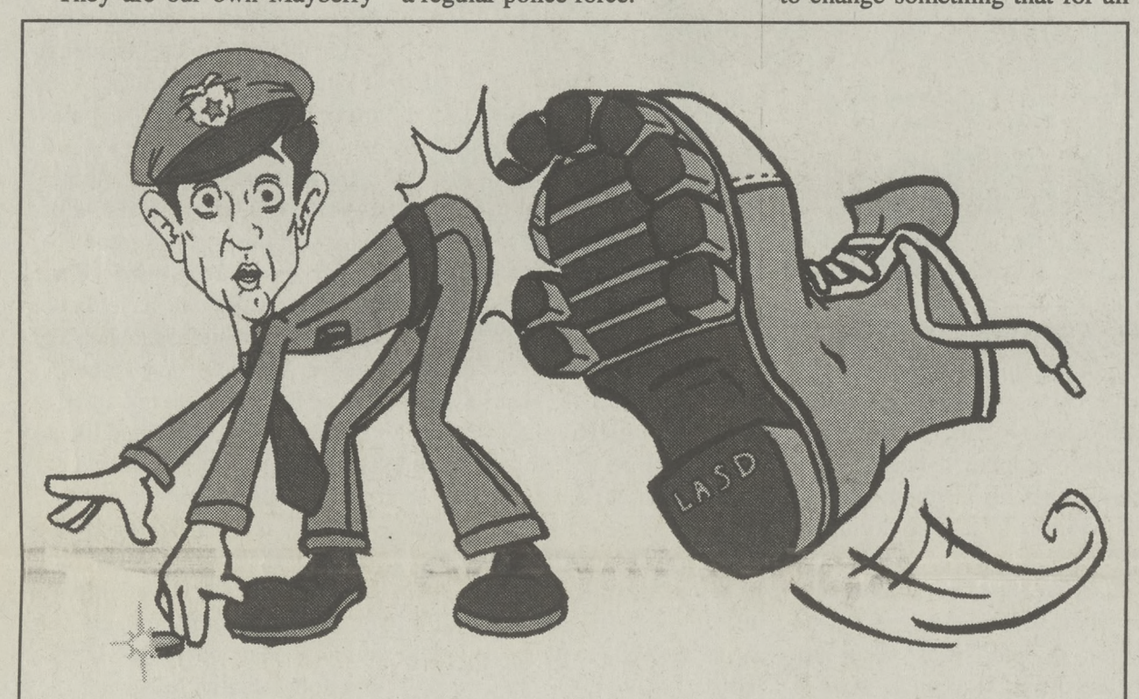
They are trained for the streets not the college quad, and many of our diverse student population would stand to suffer injustices because of the average street-cop's prejudicial views.

If this plan goes through we are putting a price on the safety of the entire student body.

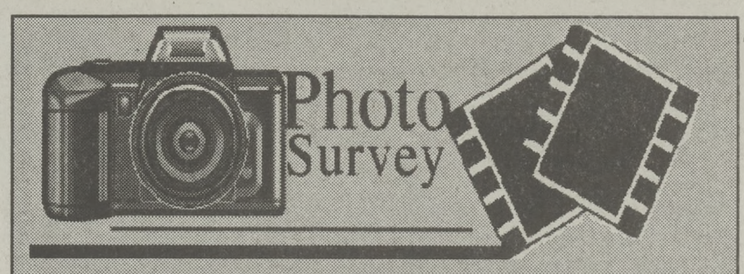
The board of trustees of the LACCD will soon be deciding which way things will go.

We stand with members of the Valley College Administration, numerous faculty members, countless students of all ages and backgrounds, and members of the campus police themselves who strongly object to this plan.

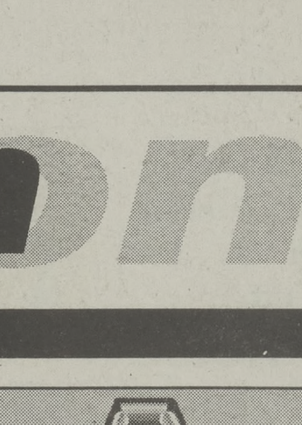
This is Valley. Don't confuse us with other campuses. Life in Mayberry is just fine the way it is.



LASD gives the boot to campus police so LACCD can save a buck.

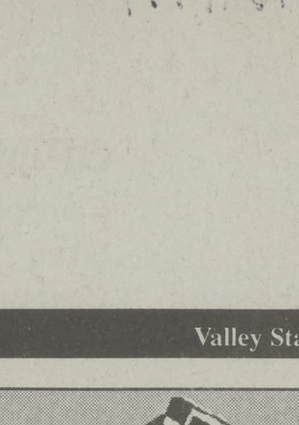


"What should be done about the cats on campus?"



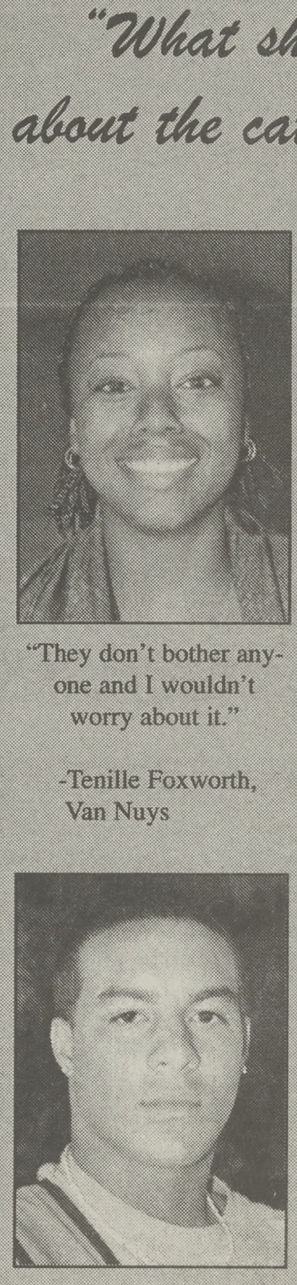
"They don't bother anyone and I wouldn't worry about it."

-Tenille Foxworth, Van Nuys



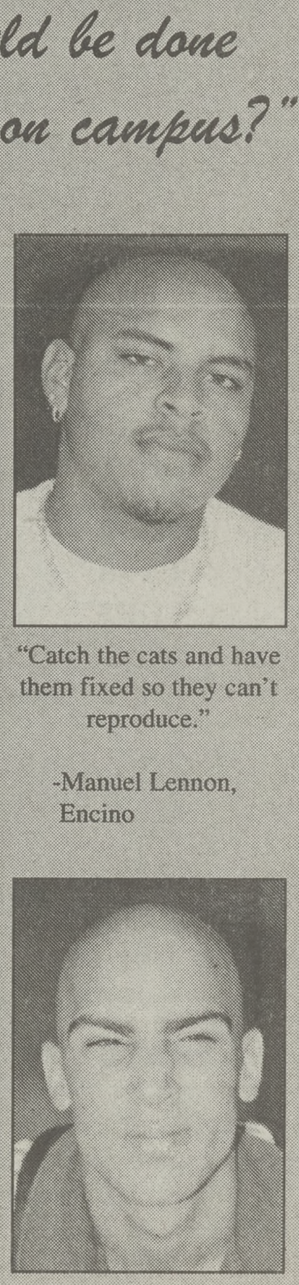
"Catch the cats and have them fixed so they can't reproduce."

-Manuel Lennon, Encino



"Get rid of them."

-Howard Jones, Van Nuys



"Get them off the campus and find them homes."

-Josh Mamoth, Panorama City

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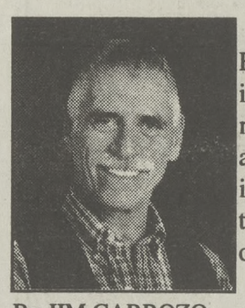
The Senior Freshman

Straight Edgers all bent out of shape



By JIM CARROZO
STAR REPORTER

What is a Straight Edger? Typically he is a clean-living white male in his early teens and 20's who's credo is "No alcohol, drugs, tobacco or promiscuous sex."

However he's also tattooed, pierced and shaven, looks like a Nazi and attacks anyone who disagrees with him, with tire irons and baseball bats. In short he is the embodiment of every parents best dreams and worst nightmares.

In a society bulging with extremists, the Straight Edge movement has gone relatively unnoticed for more than 20 years but now they're growing, and are active from Boston to Southern California with the largest concentration in Salt Lake City.

It began innocently enough in the 80's when, to prevent underage kids from drinking at Punk concerts, their hands were marked with a large X. It soon became a badge of honor and their attitude was, "So what? We don't need liquor or anything else to enjoy the music."

Then in 1981 a "Minor Threat" song by Ian Mackaye captivated them. "I'm a person just like you. But I've got better things to do than sit around and smoke dope. I've got a straight edge." They started calling themselves Straight Edgers.

They were actually pretty nice kids, even polite, and Utah with its Mormon population was the perfect environment for them, shunning as they do the same worldly evils.

Mormons were once wilder than all of us but over the years they became ultra-conservative, until today, like the rest of society, of which they are a reasonable microcosm, they give public lip service to the rules, while privately breaking most of them.

Nothing big, just the everyday fun things we all do; smoking, drinking, gambling and whoring, with an extra helping of adultery for the more discerning sinner. Nothing to make you change your seat in church or anything.

But Straight Edgers hated this double standard, and the church hated their skinhead appearance so what might have been a moral alliance became instead a philosophical gap. Now these once squeaky-clean punkeres have taken on the role of moral police.

Since 1995 Straight Edge crime has increased dramatically, and their militancy doesn't discriminate between left and right.

They've maced and assaulted university students for eating hamburgers, knocked down and battered a pregnant woman for smoking a cigarette, attacked gays for being sex criminals and carved a deep X on the back of a pot smoking student .

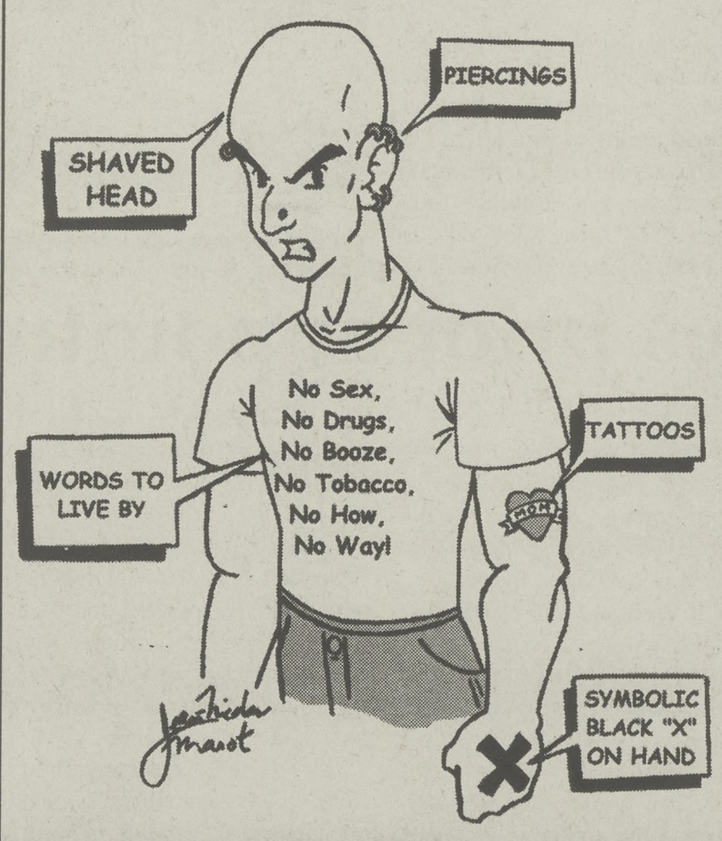
Because many are Vegans, eating no meat nor using leather, wool or silk, they've gone so far as to firebomb a Tandy's Leather and Craft store, a mink feed cooperative and a MacDonalds . They see themselves as heroes but their compassion for animals and commitment to clean living translates into violence toward humans.

Their rhetoric is sophomoric at best. "We used to have black slaves. Now we have mink slaves or fox slaves or pig slaves." What a ludicrous comparison.

The problem is so serious in Salt Lake City that the FBI's domestic terrorism unit is involved and the police department officially recognizes them as a gang, assigning a special detail to control them.

Beware students. They're dead serious and they may be coming to a MacDonalds near you. They mean business. Just remember when it's time to head for the hills make sure it's not the Rocky Mountains. Do you know a hardline Straight Edger? Let me know at SrFresh@aol.com.

How to identify a Straight-Edger



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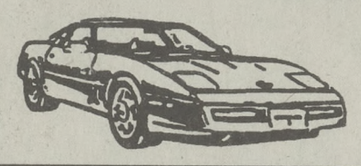

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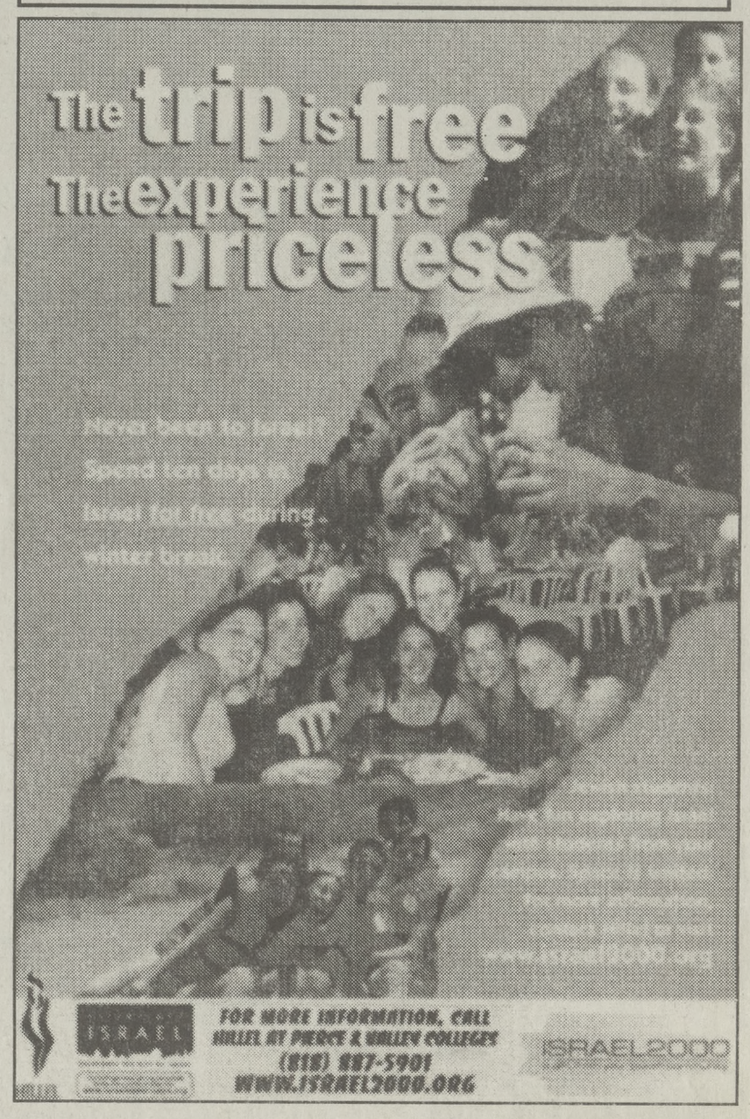

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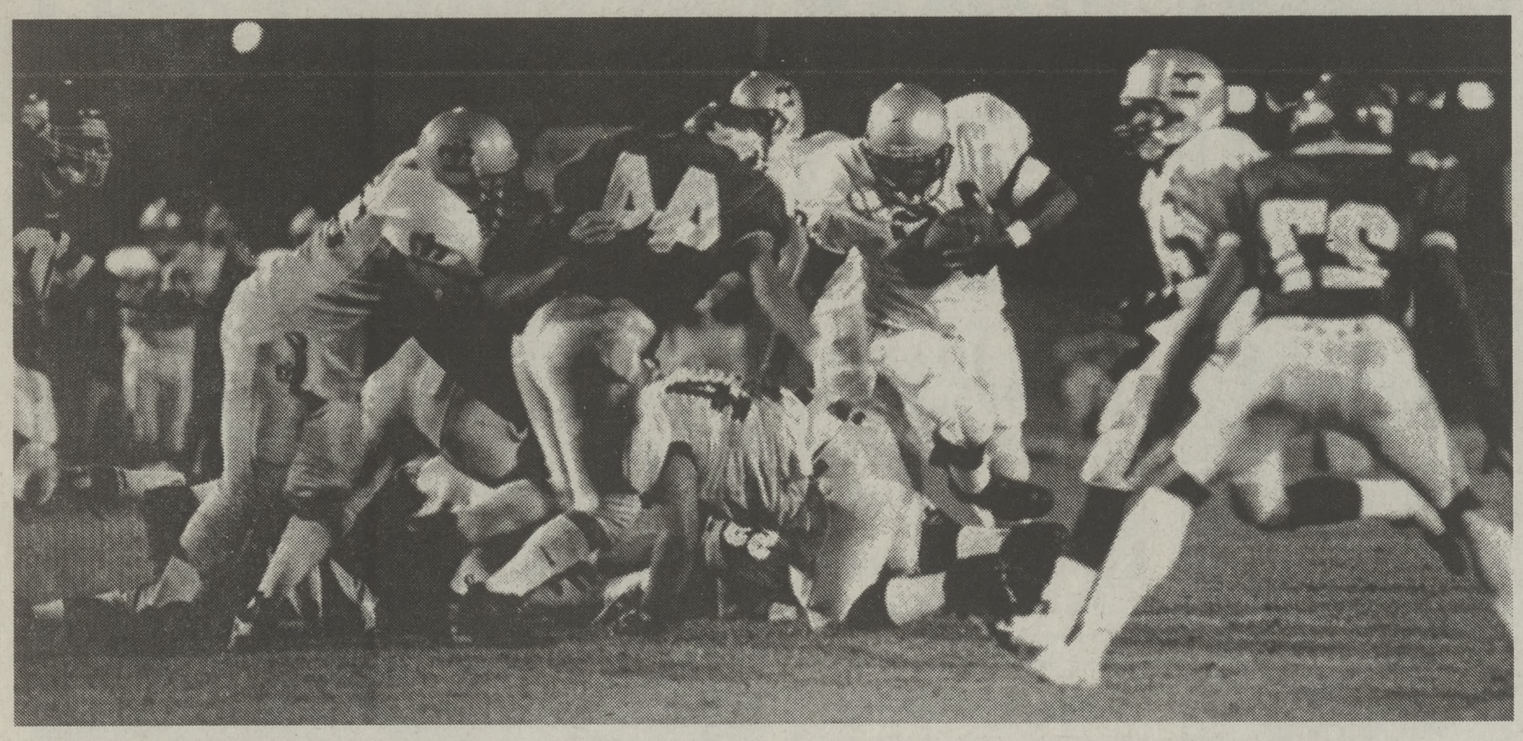

ByVICTOR CORONA
STAR REPORTER

Monarch football opened it season on a high note by routing L.A. Harbor (0-1) 41-9, Saturday night at Casey Stadium.

A dominating defensive effort and an offense that showed first game mistakes were keys to the win. "I'll take an ugly win any day." said coach Carl Ferrill who celebrated his debut with a win.

The game started slow for the green and gold. Freshman, transfers and returning players adapting to Ferrill's scheme, might have been the reason for the slow start. "We made a lot of mistakes tonight." Ferrill said.

Sophomore quarterback Eric Holtfreter opened the scoring for the Monarchs with a 57 yard pass to sophomore running back Vinnie Walker. "Offensively we played alright," said Holtfreter after the game. "The defense came up big tonight."

Later in the quarter Monarch sophomore linebacker Damion Thompson hit Seahawk quarterback Terrence Williams and forced him to fumble the ball. Holtfreter who completed 13-25 passes for 262 yards, got the ball on the Seahawk 19 and led the team on a two play 19 yard pass to sophomore wide out Jerome Riley. Riley added a 23 yard touchdown catch later in the game finishing with 6 receptions for 72 yards. Running back Vinnie Walker ended the half with his second touchdown of the night, this one on a three yard run.

> ***"We could've put up 60 points, but we made too many mistakes,"***
>
> *Carl Ferrill*
> *head football coach*

Walker finished the night with 16 carries on 84 yards while catching two passes out in the back field for 76 yards.

"The thing I told them was to go out play hard, play with emotion and I thought they did that." said defensive coach Rick Amadio commenting on the play of the defense.

They put the pressure on the Seahawk quarterbacks the whole game. Sacking them four times causing one fumble and intercepting two passes.

The first interception was run back for a touchdown by sophmore corner Antwyan Burrell to put the game out reach early in the third quarter. "We could've put up 60 points, but we made too many mistakes" said Ferrill

The team will now focus its attention on Grossmont College. Valley and Grossmont will meet for the first time in 20 years Saturday September 18 at 3 p.m..

This will be the last time the Monarchs will play at Griffin stadium. One of its former players, quarterback Akili Smith now with the NFL Cinninnati Bengals has agreed, according to a press release, to pay for a the new 2,000 seat stadium, saying "it's the worst field in the U.S."

The Griffins are coming off a 47-27 season opening loss to powerhouse Bakersfield, and enters the season with a young team that ranks 15 in the JC Athletic Bureau.

For the record:

On page one the results of the voice-mail survey stated that 3% left no cross-referenced information for students on their greetings. The correct figure is 97%.

The Monarchs football game at Grossmont is on Sep. 18 at 3:00pm.

The following football players listed in the artical last week are no longer on the team: Jamin Barbour, Shaun Avalos, Daniel Hytry and Mike Reyes.

Ian Baldie is a cornerback, not a quarterback .

To your health....

First year students face weight-gain challenges

By CECI VENDRELL
STAR REPORTER

The first year at college is exciting, challenging and fun. It's a time to see and be seen, meet new people and expand one's horizons.

Unfortunately, it can also be a time when one expands his or her waist size as well.

Adapting to college life is not always an easy experience and the stresses of adjusting to a new lifestyle can make it difficult to take care of our health.

Grabbing fast food, snacking on empty calories from the snack bar and spending more time sitting and studying can lead to an unexpected, and usually undesired, weight gain.

Eating selectively and exercising are the keys to avoiding this. There are some simple guidelines to follow which will help you stay fit and healthy throughout the semester.

Water, water and more water. Try to drink six to eight glasses of pure water a day to flush your system and keep your energy up. It's also great for your skin and helps to keep your breath fresh.

Satisfy snack cravings with low fat foods like light popcorn, pretzels or low-fat chips.

Remember to check fat and sodium levels on the food labels because some products are misleading. For instance, honey mustard pretzels can have as much fat as potato chips.

If you must give in to a craving for junk food, and there's nothing wrong with an occasional treat, buy it in smaller, individual-sized portions.

I don't know about you but an entire pint of Haagen Daaz can disappear quickly from my freezer. Why not just buy an individual portion and not torture yourself with temptation?

You can also trick your craving by substituting non-fat ice creams, cookies or jelly bellies for your usual favorites.

Remember, though, that many low and non-fat foods are very high in sugar and too much sugar in the body is converted to fat.

Try to eat healthfully whenever possible. Fresh fruit is and salads are readily available most places.

> ***Take advantage of the physical fitness classes offered at Valley which include swimming, racquetball, yoga, weight training, body conditioning and tennis.***

One of my favorite foods when I'm too busy to eat well is fresh squeezed vegetable juice from the health food store. It tastes great and your body with thank you for all those fresh vitamins, minerals and enzymes.

Finally, exercise. Learn a sport. Move your body. Take advantage of the physical fitness classes offered at Valley which include swimming, aqua exercise, racquetball, yoga, weight training, body conditioning and tennis.

Check out the state-of-the-art fitness center located in the south gymnasium.. For an $11 investment (one unit) it's a great deal and you can enroll through the 10th week of the Fall semester.

Have fun at Valley, learn all that you can and be just as smart about your health as you are your education.

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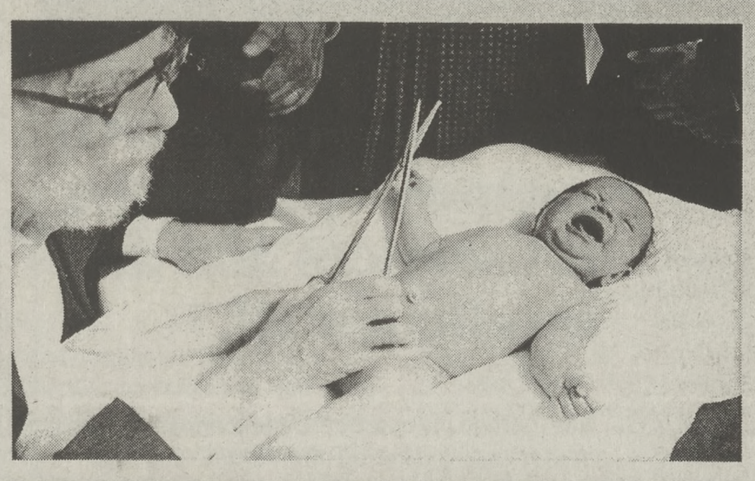

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